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1. PRES' EA TRIP

PRES ARRIVED IN SEOUL FRIDAY MORNING, GREETED AT AIRPORT

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BY PARK AND CROWD OF FEW HUNDRED, MOSTLY SCHOOL GIRLS.

IN AIRPORT CEREMONY, PARK HAILED VISIT AS 'HISTORIC

LANDMARK" THAT WILL ADD STRENGTH TO TRADITIONAL US-SK

RELATIONSHIP. IN REPLY, PRES PRAISED SK AS "FAITHFUL

ALLY" AND US-SK "LASTING COMMITMENT" TO PRESERVE

PEACE. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS LINED STREETS AS PRESIDENTS DROVE TO CHOSUN HOTEL (REUTER SEOUL; LAT'S ABRAMSON, IN PHINQ;WP'S KILPATRICK/OBERDORFER; GLOBE'S STORIN).

TREWHITT (SUN) NOTES OFFICIAL ESTIMATE THAT 2 MILLION KOREANS GAVE PRES "TUMULTUOUS" RECEPTION CAME FROM ROKG AND IS PROBABLY EXAGGERATED; IN FACT, ESTIMATE WAS OFFERED IN ADVANCE. RECEPTION HAD BEEN CAREFULLY PREPARED BY ROKG -- SOMETHING OF PARADOX, SINCE US OFFICIALS HAD MADE KNOWN IN ADVANCE THAT SK VISIT MERELY SIGNIFIED CONTINUING US INTEREST IN, NOT APPROVAL OF, PARK'S REPRESSIVE REGIME. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO SIGN OF RESTRAINT IN PRES' RESPONSE TO PARK AT AIRPORT. NYT'S HALLORAN OBSERVES THAT ROKG HAS MADE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PRES WITH PARK. LARGE PORTRAITS OF BOTH

WERE IN DISPLAY ALL OVER SEOUL AND COMMEMORATIVE STAMP WAS ISSUED BEARING PICTURES OF BOTH. ROK OFFICIALS HAD INDICATED PARK WOULD ASK FOR PLEDGE TO KEEP US FORCE THERE AND TO INCREASE MILITARY AID SO SK FORCES CAN BE MODERNIZED. PARK IS ALSO EXPECTED TO REQUEST HELP IN INCREASING US INVESTMENT AND STEPPING UP US IMPORTS. IN BRIEFING NEWSMEN EN ROUTE TO SEOUL, HAK "ONCE AGAIN" EMPHASIZED STRATEGIC REASONS FOR SK VISIT.

TO CHITRIB'S BECKMAN, PRES MOVED INTO "FINAL BUT PROBABLY MOST CRITICAL PART" OF TRIP AS HE FLEW IN AIMING ONLY AT SHOWING NK THAT US IS STILL DETERMINED TO DEFEND SOUTH. YET, US OFFICIALS WERE ANXIOUS TO DOWNPLAY SESSION BECAUSE OF EMBARRASSMENT OVER PARK'S GROWING REPRESSIVENESS. BECKMAN MAINTAINS VISIT TO CAMP CASEY WHERE BULK OF US TROOPS STATIONED IS "REAL PURPOSE" OF STOPOVER, EVEN THOUGH US OFFICIALS KNEW THEY COULD NOT ESCAPE MEETING WITH PARK.

REUTER'S NELSON SEES FORD ARRIVING IN SEOUL SLIGHTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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APPREHENSIVE THAT PARK OPPONENTS WOULD CONDEMN VISIT AS ENDORSEMENT OF AUTHORITARIAN RULE. BUT OPPOSITION CALLED OFF CAMPAIGN FOR REFORM OF CONSTITUTION DURING PRES' STAY. AS FORD PLANE NEARED AIRPORT, HAK SAID PRES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CALL TO PARK'S ATTENTION IMPACT THAT HIS DOMESTIC POLICIES -- MEANING REPRESSION OF POLITICAL DISSENT -- HAVE ON RELATIONS WITH US. SEOUL RECEPTION WAS UNPRECEDENTED, AND APPEARED TO BE VOLUNTARY AND SPONTANEOUSLY WARM, SAYS NELSON, ALTHOUGH ARMED GUARDS CAREFULLY POLICED CROWDS. PRES LATER FLEW TO CAMP CASEY TO BOOST MORALE OF FORCES THERE WHO, LIKE US TROOPS ELSEWHERE IN WORLD, "OFTEN FEEL THEY SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE." LIKE JAPAN VISIT, SK STOP EXPECTED TO BE LARGELY CEREMONIAL AND SYMBOLIC SINCE FEW ISSUES

OF SUBSTANCE AWAIT DECISION.

CSM'S SPERLING MAINTAINS THAT ACCORDING TO "THOSE CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT," OVERRIDING FACTOR PERSUADING HIM TO VISIT SK WAS US CONCERN ABOUT HOW NK MIGHT HAVE INTERPRETED HIS POINTEDLY AVOIDING SK WHILE IN ASIA. IT WAS NOT THAT HIGH ADMIN OFFICIALS THOUGHT THIS MIGHT LEAD NK TO RISK MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SOUTH; MORE LIKELY, THEY THOUGHT, PRES' AVOIDING SK MIGHT ENCOURAGE NK HOPE FOR EVENTUALLY REUNITED PENINSULA UNDER THEIR AUSPICES AND LEAD THEM TO ATTEMPT EXPEDITE THIS BY MEANS SHORT OF MILITARY ACTION.

NELSON (REUTER), REPORTING PRESIDENT'S TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION WITH PARK, SAYS THEY AGREED THAT US FORCES MUST MAINTAIN HIGH DEGREE OF STRENGTH TO PROTECT SK FROM AGGRESSION. US OFFICIALS SAID SK INTERNAL POLITICS ALSO CAME UP, BUT THEY DECLINED TO CONFIRM WIDESPREAD BELIEF FORD EXPRESSED CONCERN. PRES DID, HOWEVER, POINT OUT THAT CONGRESS MUST GIVE ITS OK BEFORE US CAN COMPLETE 500 MILLION DOLS ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION.

WITH OTHERS, TREWHITT NOTES ONE EVENT THAT "MARRED" RECEPTION IN SEOUL WAS EARLIER INTRUSION BY SK POLICE INTO AMEMBASSY COMPOUND TO SEIZE GROUP REPRESENTING FAMILIES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, LED BY US CATHOLIC PRIEST, REV. SINNOTT -- ACTION THAT "VIOLATED EVERY UNCLASSIFIED

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STANDARD OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY." KILPATRICKJXOBERDORFER REPORT THAT AT REQUEST OF AMB. SNEIDERJN SK AUTHORITIES LATER RELEASED THOSE ARRESTED AND APOLOGIZED FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY; HOWEVER, HALLORAN MAINTAINS WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN SEIZED WERE FREED, BUT THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD OF REV SINNOTT'S FATE. STORIN NOTES THAT IN NEARLY TWO MONTHS SINCE FORD'S SK VISIT WAS ANNOUNCED, PARK HAD NOTICEABLY AVOIDED VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN POLICE AND DEMONSTRATORS, ALTHOUGH TEAR GAS USED FREQUENTLY.

NYT (SEOUL) SPECIAL SAYS ABOUT 50 SK RIOT POLICE WHO ENTERED EMBASSY COMPOUND HALTED PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION BY KOREAN WOMEN DEMANDING TO SEE AMB. SNEIDER. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID POLICE ENTERED COMPOUND "WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS"; UNIDENTIFIED EMBASSY OFFICIAL INTERVENED WHEN POLICE BEGAN HAULING DEMONSTRATORS OUT, SHOUTING, "GET THE POLICE OUT. . . THIS IS A PEACEFUL PROTEST. THEY DID NO HARM. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL RELEASE THEM IMMEDIATELY." LATER, EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID POLICE HAD BEEN CALLED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION BY SK LOCAL EMPLOYEE WHO HAD MISUNDERSTOOD SITUATION.

REUTER (MANILA) REPORTS MANILA'S RC ARCHBISHOP IN CABLE

TO EMBASSY SEOUL ASKED PRES FORD TO HELP SECURE RELEASE
OF REV. DANIEL CHI AND OTHER POLITICAL DETAINEES.

TV NETS CARRY LIVE COVERAGE OF MASSIVE SEOUL WELCOME FOR
PRESIDENT.

ALL PAPERS GIVE WIDESPREAD COVERAGE TO PRES' SIGHTSEEING
IN TOKYO, HIGHLIGHTING AP-UPI PICS OF PRES DINING, USING
CHOPSTICKS, WITH GEISHA AT SIDE. WP'S KILPATRICK NOTES
KYOTO COMMUNIST GOVERNOR "REPORTED IN SICK, POSSIBLY
SUFFERING A DIPLOMATIC ILLNESS TO AVOID MEETING" US

VISITOR. NYT'S BUTTERFIELD SAYS MOST OF CITY'S 1.4
MILLION PEOPLE DID NOT SEEM MUCH INTERESTED IN PRES;
THERE WERE ALMOST NO CROWDS WAITING TO SEE HIM. AS
IN OTHER COUNTRIES, HAK SEEMED TO IMPRESS JAPANESE. AT
OLD IMPERIAL PALACE, CHIEF OF IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY
SAID AFTERWARD THAT HAK HAS "REALLY HUSKY VOICE AND
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LOOKED QUITE STOUT" -- QUALITIES JAPANESE ADMIRE.
SECRETARY -- "WHO HAS SOMETIMES BEEN ACCUSED OF
INSENSITIVITY TO JAPANESE FEELINGS" -- SURPRISED HIS HOST
WITH KNOWLEDGE OF JAPANESE HISTORY.

PRES SAID OF JAPAN TRIP, "I THINK IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL. . .
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BETTER, BOTH SUBSTANTIVELY AND
OTHERWISE" (BECKMAN; ABRAMSON).

PHIL BULLETIN'S O'ROURKE (NOV 20) REPORTS JSP'S ISHIBASHI
SAYING PRES AND TANAKA COMBINED TO "DECEIVE" JAPANESE
IN REFUSING TO ADMIT PUBLICLY THAT US NUKES ARE BEING
BROUGHT INTO JAPANESE WATERS. ISHIBASHI MAINTAINED
PRES SHOULD EITHER HAVE TOLD JAPANESE THAT NUKES NOT
BEING BROUGHT IN, OR THAT THEY ARE BECAUSE OF MILITARY
NECESSITY. MAINTAINED IF JSP EVER COMES TO POWER, IT
WILL EXERCISE MST OPTION AND END US MILITARY PRESENCE
IN JAPAN AFTER ONE YEAR, BUT WOULD LIKE TO NEGOTIATE
"TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP" WITH US. IN NOV. 19 COLUMN,
O'ROURKE CITES REPORT BY BULLETIN'S IVAN HALL THAT IN
RECENT POPULARITY POLL, JAPANESE PEOPLE BUMPED US
OUT OF FIRST PLACE ON THEIR POPULARITY LIST.
SWITZERLAND IS NOW FIRST, FOLLOWED BY SWEDEN, WITH US
AND FRANCE TIED FURTHER DOWN LIST; SOVIET AND BOTH
KOREAS OCCUPY BOTTOM. ACCORDING HALL, US LOST PRESTIGE
BECAUSE OF WATERGATE SCANDALS AND NIXON "SHOCKS."
BUT JAPANESE ALSO WERE IMPRESSED BY HANDLING OF
WATERGATE; NIXON RESIGNATION SEEN AS VICTORY BY GOOD
GOVT FORCES.

2. INDOCHINA

IN SPECIAL FROM BANGKOK TO WP, BURGESS QUOTES "WELL-PLACED U.S. MILITARY SOURCE" THAT US MIL ANALYSTS ARE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON BOMBING TARGETS IN COMMUNIST AREAS OF CAMBODIA TO KHMER MIL COMMAND. SAYS RECOMMENDATIONS, BASED ON AIR RECON BY US JETS, ARE IN APPARENT VIOLATION OF CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON DIRECT US MIL ROLE IN CAMBODIA. ABOUT THREE INTELLIGENCE FLIGHTS DAILY ARE CARRIED OUT BY RF-4S STATIONED IN NE THAILAND; PHOTOANALYSTS IDENTIFY TARGETS, PASS INFO TO LOCAL USAF HQ THAT FORWARDS IT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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KAF PRESUMABLY THROUGH U.S. EMBASSY IN PP. POST-STRIKE

ANALYSIS IS SIMILARLY PRODUCED AND TRANSMITTED. USAF SPOKESMAN IN BANGKOK REFUSED TO DISCUSS RECON MISSIONS. BURGESS ASSERTS THAT USAF PLANES FROM THAILAND AND OKINAWA ALSO FLY RECON MISSIONS OVER NVN AND LAOS, AND DRV AND PL CHARGE FLIGHTS ARE C-F VIOLATIONS. POINTS OUT THAT ALL PHOTOANALYSIS IS DONE AT UDORN AND US RADIO MONITORING STATION NEARBY INTERCEPTS SIGNALS FROM ALL OVER SEA; MANY MIL OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE COLLECTED IS PASSED TO GKR AND SVN COMMANDS (ALSO IN GLOBE).

SCHANBERG (NYT) IN PP REPORTS THAT LONG BORET AND GEN SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ AT NEWS CONFERENCE "POINTEDLY AVOIDED" EXPRESSING OPTIMISM ABOUT BEING ABLE TO CARRY ON IF GKR LOSES UN SEAT OR IF CONGRESS DRASTICALLY CUTS AID. CONTRASTS THIS WITH CONFERENCES OF PAST WHICH "ALWAYS EXUDED" ENTHUSIASM AND DETERMINATION ABOUT FUTURE. POINTS OUT THAT UN DEBATE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FEW DAYS. ASKED WHAT GKR WOULD DO IF SEAT LOST, BORET SAID HE COULDN'T IMAGINE THAT MEMBERS WOULD SUPPORT "PARTISANS OF WAR OVER THE PARTISANS OF PEACE." ON AID CUTS, PREMIER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG AND CONGRESS UNDERSTAND SITUATION AND SINCERITY OF GKR SEARCH FOR PEACE. SCHANBERG NOTES THAT FERNANDEZ "SIDE STEPPED" QUESTION ON WHETHER DEFENSE-ORIENTED FANK WOULD GO ON GENUINE OFFENSIVE IN DRY SEASON TO RETAKE TERRITORY, REPLYING, "WE ARE WAITING FOR THE ENEMY AND WE ARE READY FOR THEM."

WP CARRIES ONE SENTENCE REPORT FROM SAIGON THAT THIEU RENEWS PROPOSAL FOR PEACE CONFERENCE OF TEN SEA NATIONS INCLUDING NVN, BUT WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAY IDEA HAS NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

SVN BRIGGEN VY TELLS HIS TROOPS WHO RETOOK BASE 20 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON THAT THEY HAD BLUNTED NVA PLUNGE TOWARD SAIGON THAT COULD HAVE IMPERILED CAPITAL (GLOBE).

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TANAKA REPORTED SET TO RESIGN NEXT WEEK, IS DRAFTING LETTER TO BE GIVEN NIKAI DO MONDAY (SUN; WP; CHITRIB'S YATES). CDN'S KEYES BEECH ALLUDES TO JAPANESE PRESS SPECULATION THAT HAK FAVORS OHIRA AS NEW PREMIER. BASIS OF THIS SPECULATION IS NOTHING MORE THAN THAT THEY HAD DEVELOPED CORDIAL RELATIONS WHEN OHIRA WAS FM AND THEREFORE WOULD LIKE HIM IN TOP JOB. TRUE

OR NOT, RUMOR COULD BADLY DAMAGE OHIRA'S CHANCES AND EMBARRASS HAK, FOR FEW THINGS COULD BE BETTER CALCULATED TO ANTAGONIZE NATIONALISTIC JAPANESE THAN IDEA US IS MEDDLING. "BESIDES, KISSINGER IS NOT POPULAR IN JAPAN." EXPERTS SAY OHIRA MUST GET POST IMMEDIATELY UPON TANAKA'S RESIGNATION OR NOT AT ALL, SINCE DIET RECONVENES DEC 5 AND FIRST ITEM ON OPPOSITION AGENDA WILL BE PROBE OF TANAKA'S FINANCIAL DEALINGS THAT MIGHT UNCOVER FINANCIAL-POLITICAL LINK BETWEEN TANAKA AND OHIRA (PHIL BULLETIN NOV 20).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN TOKYO, SAYS THAT FUKUDA AND MIKI ARE THE OTHER LEADING CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED TANAKA. SUGGESTS LDP ELDERS POSSIBLY MAY DECIDE ON PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT TO SERVE REMAINDER OF TANAKA'S TERM AS PARTY CHIEF UNTIL JULY; IN THAT CASE, SHIINA MIGHT TAKE OVER ON CARETAKER BASIS.

GROUP OF MEN, BELIEVED EXTREMIST STUDENTS, SWARMED INTO US CONSULATE COMPOUND IN FUKUOKA FRIDAY AND HURLED GASOLINE BOMBS. NO REPORTS ON CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE; THREE MEN ARRESTED, IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF MARXIST YOUTH LEAGUE, EIGHT MEMBERS OF WHICH ALREADY UNDER ARREST IN TOKYO AFTER FIREBOMB ATTACKS LAST THURSDAY AGAINST US AND SOVIET EMBASSY COMPOUNDS. IN TOKYO, EMBASSY SPOKESMAN DOUBTED ANY PROTEST WOULD BE MADE TO GOJ (REUTER FUKUOKA).

US AND JAPANESE MARITIME OFFICIALS REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON GIVING US SHIPPING LINES OPPORTUNITY TO BUY AND RUN WAREHOUSES AND TRUCK LINES IN JAPAN AND MOVE LARGE CONTAINERS OVER JAPANESE HIGHWAYS (SUN'S HELEWICZ; JOC'S MORISON; WSJ).

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FREIDIN REPORTS GROUP OF KAMIKAZE COMMUNISTS OF JAPANESE "RED ARMY" MANAGED TO SNEAK BACK INTO JAPAN FROM ME TERRORIST CENTERS DURING FORD VISIT. THEY CAME BACK HOME TO STUDY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR SO EMINENT A VISITOR AND TO APPLY TO THEIR OWN TACTICS IN FUTURE (BOSTON H-A NOV 20).

FRENCH FM SAUVAGNARGUES ARRIVED IN TOKYO FRIDAY MORNING FOR TALKS WITH KIMURA. ARRIVAL COINCIDED TO THE HOUR WITH DEPARTURE OF FORD PARTY FROM OSAKA FOR SK; BUT OBSERVERS NOTED SAUVAGNARGUES VISIT PLANNED WELL IN ADVANCE, AND US AND FRENCH OFFICIALS SAID THERE WAS NO PLAN TO MEET HAK IN TOKYO (REUTER TOKYO).

4. CHINA

AFP PEKING REPORTS VIOLENT NCNA ATTACK AGAINST SOVIET'S "TERRITORIAL EXPANSION" AIMS JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO PEKING OBSERVERS PUBLICATION OF ARTICLE IS FAR FROM COINCIDENTAL. REUTERS PEARCE SAYS PRC'S CHARGE THAT SOVIET LEADERSHIP IS PLANNING TO SEIZE AREAS OF WESTERN CHINA -- COMING SO CLOSE TO SUMMIT -- INDICATES PEKING'S DISPLEASURE WITH SITE OF MEETING. NCNA RIDICULED RECENT CLAIMS IN SOVIET JOURNAL THAT CERTAIN AREAS OF SINKIANG HAD FIRST BEEN DISCOVERED AND EXPLORED BY CZARIST OFFICERS IN 19TH CENTURY. ACCORDING PEARCE, PRES FORD'S AGREEMENT TO MEET BREZHNEV IN VLADIVOSTOK IS SEEN BY DIPLOMATS IN PEKING AS, AT BEST, "TACTLESS DECISION WHICH CAN ONLY ADD TO PEKING'S SUSPICIONS" ABOUT US-SOVIET DETENTE.

PRC HAS ASKED JAPANESE STEEL PRODUCERS TO ACCEPT SIX MONTHS DEFERRED PAYMENT ON NOV THROUGH JAN SHIPMENTS (AP, CHITRIB).

5. AUSTRALIA

WHITLAM SACKS TREASURER CREAN; APPOINTS DEPUTY PM CAIRNS TO POST (JOC). CREAN WILL TAKE CAIRNS' POST AS MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TRADE
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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

6. PRES' EA TRIP

PHINQ LEAD EDIT SAYS VISIT TO JAPAN WAS LONG OVERDUE. PRES FORD COULD HAVE FOUND MANY EXCUSES FOR NOT MAKING TRIP, AND DESERVES CREDIT FOR GOING. CREDITS FORD AND HOSTS, PRINCIPALLY EMPEROR AND TANAKA, FOR MAKING MISSION DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS. WHILE JOINT COMMUNIQUE MADE NO EARTH-SHAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS, IT WAS A SOLID ACCOUNT OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION, COVERING WIDE RANGE OF ECON, POLITICAL AND MIL INTERESTS, INCLUDING CONTINUING PLEDGE OF COOPERATION AGAINST SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMS. RECALLING SHOCK TO JAPANESE WHEN THEY WERE NOT INFORMED OF PLANS FOR NIXON VISIT TO PRC, PHINQ SAYS US BY IMPLICATION ATE DIPLOMATIC CROW IN ONE PART OF COMMUNIQUE

IN WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES DECLARED DETERMINATION "TO KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PRACTICE OF FRANK AND TIMELY CONSULTATION..." MOST POIGNANT MOMENT OF PRES' STAY OCCURRED DURING BANQUET WHEN EMPEROR EXPRESSED REGRET "...THERE WERE ONCE BAD DAYS BETWEEN

THESE FRIENDLY NATIONS,' AND WENT ON TO EXPRESS"...DEEP GRATITUDE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR PEOPLE FOR THE GOODWILL AND AID YOU GAVE US IN THE CONFUSING PERIOD AFTER THE WAR." CONCLUDES THAT VISIT SHOULD MARK BEGINNING OF NEW ERA OF CLOSER FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES AND GOVTS.

CSM VIEWS PRES' TRIP AS HAVING PUT US-JAPAN RELATIONS ON MATURE FOOTING. MOST SURPRISING AND PLEASING ASPECT IS THAT VISIT WENT OFF WITHOUT INCIDENT - NO UGLY DEMONSTRATIONS, NO MOB VIOLENCE. SUBSTANTIVELY, IT WAS MAINLY DISPLAY OF FRIENDSHIP. SENSITIVE ISSUE OF US NUKES WAS NEVER RAISED PUBLICLY. AS EXPECTED, BOTH SIDES PLEDGED TO WORK TOGETHER ON WORLD ENERGY AND FOOD NEEDS; FORD STRESSED THAT JAPAN WOULD SHARE IN OIL SUPPLIES IF THERE WERE ANOTHER SQUEEZE AND THAT JAPANESE MARKETS IN US WOULD NOT BE UNDERMINED. TOKYO UNDOUBTEDLY GRATIFIED THAT WASHINGTON PROMISES TO INFORM IT IN ADVANCE
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OF IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES, THUS AVOIDING ANY MORE "NIXON SHOCKS." MORE ATTUNED NOW TO JAPAN'S SENSITIVITIES, HAK WILL IN FACT STOP OFF IN TOKYO TO BRIEF THE JAPANESE AFTER HIS PEKING VISIT. IN SHORT, BITTERNESS THAT ONCE MARRED WASHINGTON'S RELATIONS WITH JAPAN HAS DISSIPATED.

S-N (NOV 21) VIEWS TRIP AS PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION TO OVERSEAS SUMMITRY - NECESSARY LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN JET AGE. JAUNT INTENDED BY PRES TO DEMONSTRATE TO US ELECTORATE HIS COMING OF AGE AS GLOBAL STATESMAN, BUT SOLID FOREIGN-POLICY GAINS NOT ANTICIPATED. JAPAN STAY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN WORSE-TIMED: TANAKA IS ON ROPES; LEFTISTS RAISING DICKENS OVER SUSPECTED PRESENCE OF US NUKES; AND NO FIRM AGREEMENTS IN PROSPECT FOR DOVETAILING OIL POLICY. JAPAN VISIT IMPORTANT MAINLY FOR ESTABLISHING THAT AN AMERICAN PRES CAN VISIT THERE. FORD SUPPOSEDLY HAD TO SCHEDULE SK STOP BECAUSE IT WAS SO CLOSE TO JAPAN AND N KOREANS MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE FELT ENCOURAGED. BUT SEOUL VISIT IS A LOSER SINCE IT COMFORTS REPRESSIVE PARK GOVT AND OUTRAGES DISSIDENTS. FORD COULD MAKE CASE FOR MORE GENTLE FORM OF ANTI-COMMUNISM, BUT US DIPLOMACY HAS BEEN NOTORIOUSLY INADEQUATE IN SCORING SUCH POINTS WITH ALLIES OF PARK'S STRIPE. POTENTIALLY, VLADIVOSTOK IS MOST SIGNIFICANT PART OF TRIP: CHANCE FOR TWO TO SIZE EACH OTHER UP AND

ESTABLISH CONVERSATIONAL BASIS FOR COMMUNICATING IN SOME FUTURE CRISIS.

7. JAPAN

CDN'S KEYES BEECH (NOV 16-17) IN TOKYO WRITES PIECE ON JAPAN'S "WATERGATE," SUMMARIZING BUNGEI SHUNJU'S EXPOSE OF TANAKA ENRICHING HIMSELF AND HIS FRIENDS AT PUBLIC EXPENSE. WHILE NIXON HUNG ON FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE BEING DRIVEN FROM OFFICE, UNDER JAPAN'S PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM, TANAKA CANNOT LAST THAT LONG. WHEN PRES LEAVES, TANAKA'S ENEMIES WILL GET BACK TO JOB OF CUTTING IM UP. BEECH COMMENTS THAT IF BUNGEI SHUNJU CHARGES STAND UP, BEST THING THAT CAN BE SAID OF TANAKA IS THAT HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING THAT HUNDREDS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF OTHER JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN-POLITICIANS DIDN'T DO; HIS CRIME WAS GETTING CAUGHT.

8. CHINA

CDN'S KEYES BEECH (NOV 16-17) IN TOKYO SEES APPOINTMENT OF CHIAO KUAN-HUA AS AUGURING WELL FOR SINO-US RELATIONS. ANNOUNCEMENT CAME JUST 10 DAYS BEFORE HAK'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO PEKING, SPARKING SPECULATION THAT TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT ESTABLISH FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH BOTH GOVTS HAVE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO HURRY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT NIXON LED CHINESE TO BELIEVE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED DURING HIS SECOND TERM. MOREOVER, DESPITE MUTUAL ADMIRATION BETWEEN HAK AND CHOU, US DIPLOMATS HAVE WONDERED IF HAK CAN GO TO PEKING FOR 7TH VISIT WITHOUT ESTABLISHING FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WHAT MAKES THIS SCENARIO ALL THE MORE PLAUSIBLE, BEECH COMMENTS, IS THAT NOTHING COULD MORE REASSURE THE CHINESE IN THE AFTERMATH OF FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING.

BEECH ARTICLE ALSO CONTAINS BRIEF BIODATA ON CHIAO, DESCRIBING HIM AS DEVOTED DISCIPLE OF CHOU'S OUTGOING FOREIGN POLICY AND ONE OF FEW CHINESE DIPLOMATS WHO HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN THE WEST.

9. KOREA

WSJ'S PEARLSTINE IN SEOUL DISCUSSES US POLICY TOWARD SK. NOTES THAT SK'S FIRST EXPERIMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY DESTROYED IN 1961 WHEN YOUNG COLONELS - AMONG THEM, PARK CHUNG HEE - OVERTHREW ELECTED GOVT. CITES US AND KOREAN WITNESSES THAT COUP SUCCEEDED ONLY BECAUSE WASHINGTON OVERRULED ADVICE OF ITS OWN EMBASSY AND RECOGNIZED COLONELS AS LEGITIMATE GOVT. THIRTEEN YEARS

LATER, PARK'S POSITION IS AGAIN IN DOUBT AS OPPOSITION
GROWS AGAINST HIS REPRESSIVE RULE. BUT ONCE AGAIN

WASHINGTON IS EXPECTED TO GIVE HIS PRESTIGE AN IMPORTANT
BOOST.

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CONTINUED US SUPPORT OF PARK REFLECTS TWO DOS POLICIES WHICH
APPLY TO FRIENDLY GOVTS WHICH SUPPRESS HUMAN RIGHTS. ONE
IS THAT US DOESN'T INTERFERE IN ITS ALLIES' DOMESTIC
AFFAIRS; OTHER, BEST ARTICULATED BY HAK IN RECENT SENATE
TESTIMONY SUPPORTING CONTINUED AID TO SK, IS THAT "WE
PROCEED EVEN WHEN WE DON'T APPROVE" IF US NATIONAL INTEREST
IS AT STAKE. AS ABSTRACT PRINCIPLES, BOTH POLICIES SOUND
APPEALING, BUT QUESTIONS ARE THEY PROPER GUIDES FOR US
RELATIONS WITH SK? WITH BILLIONS IN US AID AND PRESENCE
OF US TROOPS, INTERFERENCE IS ENDEMIC. US DIPLOMATS IN
SEOUL INSIST THAT FORD VISIT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SK
POLITICS, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ANY US DECISION,
INCLUDING DECISION TO REMAIN SILENT, AFFECTS SK INTERNAL
AFFAIRS.

SAYS QUESTION OF US NATIONAL INTEREST IS MUCH MORE COMPLEX.
DOS APPARENTLY BELIEVES ITS SUPPORT OF PARK GOVT PROVIDES
STABILITY AND THAT ANY WEAKENING OF ROKG AUTOMATICALLY
INCREASES CHANCES OF NK ATTACK. IF THOSE ASSUMPTIONS
ARE CORRECT, WASHINGTON'S MUTED CONCERN FOR CIVIL AND
HUMAN RIGHTS IN SK IS PERHAPS UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT CLOSE
LOOK AT GOVT PARK OVERTHREW AND GOVT HE NOW HEADS
SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF OPPOSITE CONCLUSIONS.

NOTES THAT CHANG GOVT WHICH COLONELS OVERTHREW BORE LITTLE
RESEMBLANCE TO TEXTBOOK DEMOCRACY. BUT US EMBASSY AND
MANY KOREANS BELIEVED THAT EXPERIMENT WITH DEMOCRACY WAS
BEGINNING TO WORK IN MONTHS BEFORE COUP. MOST EMBASSY
SENIOR OFFICIALS INCLUDING MARSHALL GREEN, WHO WAS CHARGE
AT THE TIME, AND MOST US MIL MEN THEN IN SK OPPOSED
RECOGNITION OF YOUNG COLONELS. THEY ARGUED THAT SK
SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS
REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS, AND THAT BY WITHHOLDING
SUPPORT FOR COUP, WE COULD PROBABLY KEEP CHANG IN POWER
BUT PRES KENNEDY AND TOP DOS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS
IGNORED THEIR ADVICE. THEY SAW, ACCORDING TO SENIOR
CAREER DIPLOMAT THEN IN WASHINGTON, "SOUTH KOREA A
PLACE WHERE THERE WAS A CHOICE BETWEEN POLITICAL STABILITY
AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY AND A CHOICE BETWEEN ECONOMIC
PROGRESS AND A LACK OF PROGRESS..."

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MANY WHO OPPOSED COUP ARGUED THAT DEVELOPING NATION LIKE SK COULDN'T FOSTER REPRESENTATIVE GOVT WITHOUT SOME INSTABILITY AND THAT US SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT INSTABILITY UNLESS IT CREATED AN OUTSIDE THREAT TO THAT NATION'S SECURITY. THEY SAW NO THREAT FROM NK BECAUSE IT WAS STILL WEAK AND US WAS COMMITTED TO DEFEND SK FROM ATTACK. STABILITY IS AGAIN ISSUE IN SK. WESTERN DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY OBSERVERS SAY GREATEST THREAT TO SK'S STABILITY IS INTERNAL.

PEARLSTINE CONCLUDES THAT PRESIDENT'S VISIT MIGHT BE MORE CONSISTENT WITH US SELF-INTEREST IF HE WERE TO QUESTION PUBLICLY PARK GOVT'S ALLEGED USE OF TORTURE, RIGGED TRIALS AND SUPPRESSION OF FREE SPEECH. BUT UNLIKELY THAT SUCH PUBLIC PROTEST WILL BE MADE. EVEN MORE UNLIKELY THAT PARK GOVT'S CONTINUED VIOLATION OF CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS WILL END SOON.

10. BURMA

NYT'S LELYVELD IN RANGOON SEES STAGNANT BURMESE ECONOMY CLOSE TO COLLAPSE. POINTS OUT SEVERAL RECENT PORTENTS, INCLUDING CRUSHING OF DEMONSTRATIONS OVER RICE PRICE BY ARMY WITH AT LEAST 27 DEATHS, AND WORST FLOODS IN HALF-CENTURY THAT MAY ELIMINATE EXPORTABLE RICE SURPLUS. SAYS "RECLUSIVE" GOVT REACTED TO DISASTERS AND ECON STAGNATION WITH DRASTIC CUTBACKS IN IMPORTS THAT NOW MAY BE EXCEEDED BY WHAT IS BROUGHT IN BY SMUGGLERS. DESPITE NATURAL WEALTH, COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY ARMS FOR MIL FORCES THAT FACE VARIETY OF ETHNIC AND COMMUNIST INSURGENT GROUPS, NOR SPARE PARTS AND RAW MATERIALS TO KEEP TRANSPORT AND FACTORIES RUNNING. TWELVE YEARS AGO GUB SPURNED AID ON GROUNDS THAT IT OPENED COUNTRY TO INTERFERENCE, BUT NOW FINANCE MINISTRY SO OBVIOUSLY SOLICITS ASSISTANCE THAT CLANDESTINE COMMUNIST RADIO CALLS IT ;MINISTRY OF BEGGING."

LELYVELD SAYS DISCUSSIONS OF SITUATION INEVITABLY FOCUS ON NE WIN, WHO REPORTEDLY HAS MELLOWED BUT STILL REMAINS ALOOF AND UNAPPROACHABLE, AND UNWILLING TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY. IN RARE PUBLIC STATEMENTS HE ADMITS EXISTENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF ECON CRISIS, BUT SAYS GOVT PREOCCUPIED WITH WORK ON NEW CONSTITUTION AND CANNOT PAY ATTENTION TO ECONOMY. BLACK MARKET BOOMS, PRICES CLIMB, PRODUCTION SLUMPS AND RESTLESSNESS SPREADS. SPECULATION CENTERS ON HOW LONG IT CAN GO ON; SOME BELIEVE THAT ONLY ARMY CAN BRING CHANGE BUT NO SUCCESSOR TO NE WIN IS IN SIGHT WHO IS LIKELY

TO BE ABLE TO REPEAT HIS SUCCESS IN MAINTAINING

STABILITY. ONE DIPLOMAT NOTES THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
SAYING FOR TEN YEARS THAT CHANGE IS NECESSARY OR COLLAPSE
IMMINENT, BUT NEITHER HAS HAPPENED, AND 'IT IS WRONG
TO EXPECT ANYTHING VERY BIG.'" INGERSOLL

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